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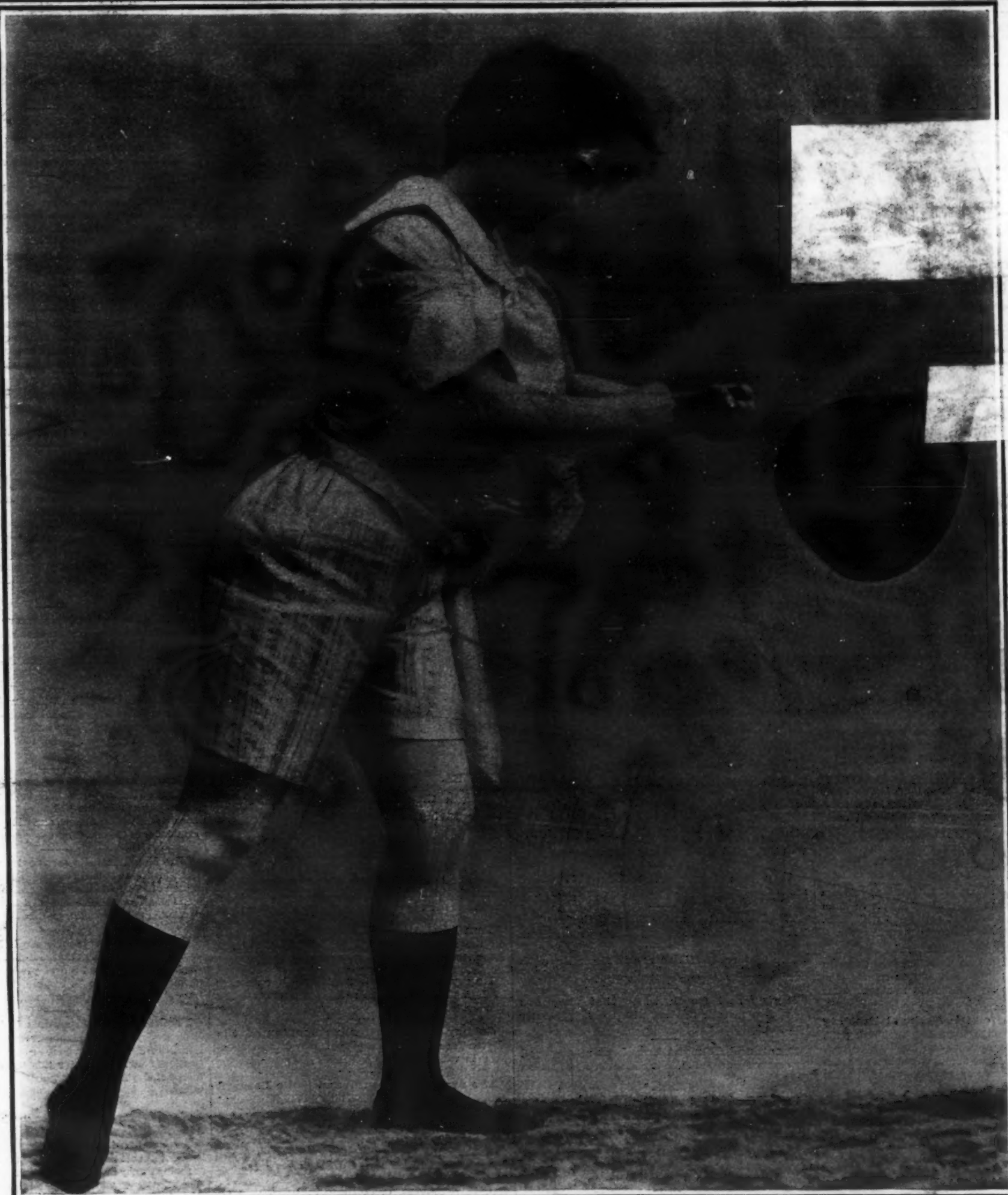


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ALL SPORTS

Jim Farr recently defeated **Hammy Frye** in successive falls at Lancaster, N. Y.

Ribbonwood, the crack harness horse of Australia, is booked for a trip to this country.

Sam Griffith, a one-armed pitcher, has signed with the Rochester team for next season.

Indoor baseball is booming exceedingly this winter, and the merry gas light game is prospering.

Hackenschmidt, the Russian wrestler, will shortly arrive in this country, and his first opponent will probably be Tom Jenkins.

Lucien Lyne, the jockey, is attending school at Lexington, Ky., and will study medicine. His brother is practicing in New York.

Lave Cross is in no hurry to sign a contract. This is probably the only thing over which the hustling little third baseman takes his time.

Dillon Boy, 2:09 1-4, did not change owners at the New York sale. He was bid in at \$3,000. An offer of \$10,000 was refused for him last summer.

Silo Emilio, a heavyweight wrestler, who recently arrived from Italy, made a good showing in a bout with Leo Pardello, which lasted half an hour.

Henry Killilea says that he is in favor of three strikes and three balls. The latter feature of his proposition lacks originality. It has long had the support of the impecunious.

George Cartwright defeated **George Tracey** in their 25-mile foot race at Syracuse, N. Y., recently. Cartwright had covered twelve miles to Tracey's ten when the latter's feet became sore.

The trotter, **Metellas**, 2:11, that has proven such a disappointment to N. W. Hubinger, is in John Hussey's stable at Louisville, and looks well. Mr. Hussey expects to get Metellas to the races this year.

Harvey Parker recently attempted, at Montreal, Canada, to throw Tom Tremblay four times in an hour, and scored but one fall in four minutes, the next going to Tremblay in nineteen minutes. After that neither scored.

At the meeting of the National Trotting Association recently action was taken prohibiting the use of electric batteries or "dope" on the trotting turf. It was also decreed that a horse entered in a race cannot be sold just before the event without the fact being publicly announced.

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Terry McGovern, Brooklyn featherweight, knocked out a man in one round in 1899. The 1904 Police Gazette Sporting Annual will tell you who it was. 10c., Postage 2c. extra.

INTERESTING NEWS ITEMS

OF TALENTED MEN AND WOMEN PICKED UP

IN THE THEATRICAL FIELD

Professionals Are Invited to Send Paragraphs of Their Doings for Publication on This Page.

GAZETTE HALF-TONE PHOTOGRAPHS ARE POPULAR

Happy Fanny Fields Making a Hit in England—Johnnie Hoey Now Doing a Monologue—James and Sadie Leonard in a New Act.

Seymour and May open on the Western circuit March 14.

Vesta Tilley has abandoned her starring tour and returned to vaudeville.

James Kelly, of Kelly and Graham, writes that he has joined hands with a clever soubrette and they will be known as T. e Kellys. They are re-

Fred F. Houlihan, pianist and composer, intends soon to enter vaudeville in a big act.

Casad and De Verne, comedy musical act, report meeting with success on the Western circuit.

Edwin Fox has closed his engagement as heavy man with the Kershaw-Morrison Stock Company, of Pawtucket, R. I., and is now supporting



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GLORIA MARTINEZ.

Talented and Shapely Performer who is Making a Great Hit with Rose Sydel's London Belles Posing as a Living Picture.

hearing a new act, entitled "The Iceman and the Servant Girl," closing with a strong dancing finish.

As a monologue artist **John W. Clark** ranks among the best, always adding new material.

The **Imperial Comedy Four**, with the "Yon Yonson" Company, are singing "Anona" with success.

The **Sisters Chatham** are in their seventh week over the Novelty circuit, and report success.

Denton and Booth write that they are doing well in their new act with the Dainty Parce Company.

Frank and Albright have been re-engaged for next season with the Walter L. Main New Fashion Plate Shows.

Henry Theriault is in his thirteenth week with Culhane, Chace & Weston's Minstrels, and reports success.

George J. Green, baritone, has been meeting with great success in a singing specialty on the Proctor circuit.

Jerry Cunningham, late of the Cunningshams, and **Leon Blain**, late of Morris and Blain, have joined hands, and hereafter will be known as Cunningham and Blain, doing a comedy blackface act. They have just closed with Stevens' Minstrels.

Mattie Keene in Ella Wheeler Wilcox's playlet, "Her First Divorce Case," now playing the Eastern circuits.

Signorita El Salto, the Mexican equilibrist and hand balancer, has signed with F. P. Spellman for parks and fairs.

Tom Inestelle and Grace Martin came in off the road recently, and will remain at St. Paul, Minn., indefinitely.

Happy Fanny Fields continues her success in England and is booked two years solid in the best vaudeville houses.

Johnnie Hoey, formerly comedian of the Payton Theatre Stock Company, is now doing a monologue in vaudeville.

The new act of **James and Sadie Leonard** entitled "The Wrong Tip," is a hit, and they are booked many weeks ahead.

The following have signed with the A. H. Reed Shows for the season of 1904: The Four Ketrows (Will, Frank, Frank Jr. and Maud), Sedel and Collins, Billie and Julia Lowe, D. M. Buckley, Lee Grave, F. Hall, Perry Cravens, C. G. Heath, J. D. Griffith, J. G. Buckley and Sim Henry.

Walter Stanton, Jr., "The Giant Dancing Rooster," who made a success in "The Runaways" at the New York Casino last summer, has engaged Edwin

Fritz (late clown with Barnum & Bailey's Circus for seventeen years) to clown to his novel act with Gentry Brothers' Big Show, being engaged as a star feature for the season.

Carmen, with his artistic hoop rolling and double baton swinging, is still the hit of the olio with Guy Brothers Minstrels.

Al Lawrence, the celebrated mimic, claims that the hit of his act is "Mary Ann," the new Irish song, published by Leo Feist.

Elliott and Neff are using to great advantage "Somebody's Waiting For Me," "When the Band Was Playing Dixie" and "My Little Zu-oo-oo-lu."

J. W. Clifford closed with the "Peek's Bad Boy" Company, and will play dates for the rest of the season, opening in Lincoln, Neb., and thence to Denver and Salt Lake City.

Chas. E. Shepard has signed to go ahead of Al F. Wheeler's New Model Shows, having charge of second advance wagon, and will open about April 28, in New York State.

Richard T. Brown and his wife (Mlle. Emilia Bartoletti), known as Brown and Bartoletti, have signed with Scribner & Drew's Tiger Lilies Company for next season.

La She, colored slack wire performer, has joined hands with Vesta Le Zar. They will do a comedy wire act the coming Summer at parks, street fairs and county fairs.

James R. Purvis, lyric tenor, has signed with John W. Vogel's Big Minstrels for next season, to do solos. He writes that he has been very successful this season in farce comedy.

Neff and Miller joined hands in Salt Lake City, Utah, early last October. They write that since then they have been a feature act in the leading vaudeville houses on the coast.

Evelyn Dale, a chorus girl, met with a serious accident at Sterling, Ill., recently, through her clothes catching fire from a stove. It will be some time before she can resume her work.

Miss Fanny Midgeley, who is scoring an unqualified success as the tough girl in the "Hearts Adrift" Company, is featuring the popular waltz song, "She's the Pride and the Pet of the Lane."

Ed. C. Hays is in his twenty-seventh week as principal comedian with the Great Barlow Minstrel's, and reports meeting with success. He has signed with the same company for a summer season.

W. H. Stanley and Charles Teaff will be featured next season in their new play, "The White Hat Mystery," under the management of Felix Fantus. This company will play the Central States.

The **Great Delkanos**, after closing a two weeks' engagement at Austin & Stone's, Boston, opened on the Shedy circuit, with New York to follow, and have a return engagement in Boston.

Maude Caswell, the Acrobatic Girl, is in her second week at the Royal Music Hall, England, where she has been repeating her Continental success. Her act is now better than ever and is a headliner of unusual interest.

Jack Conlon and Mabel Hastings closed with "The Way of the Transgressor" Company, at the Columbia Theatre, Brooklyn, to play vaudeville dates with their new singing comedy sketch, entitled "Leading a Dog's Life."

The **Clausen Sisters** have signed with Carr's Thoroughbreds for the remainder of the season, and will sing "Mary Ann," "When the Band Was Playing Dixie" and "My Little Zu-oo-oo-lu," all published by Leo Feist.

The **Five American Whirlwinds**—McIntyre, Williams, Fleche, Collins and Quail—are meeting with much success in their new and refined acrobatic feats. They are at present playing clubs and dates in and around New York city.

George and May Woodward, "The Original Sunburned Rubes," who have been playing principal comedy parts in the "Happy Hooligan" Company, have closed with the show, and will play dates for the remainder of the season.

The **Beall Family** (three in number) have signed with the John Robinson Ten Big Shows for the season of 1904, to do their heavyweight lifting and cannon ball act, and Hattie Beall to do singing and dancing specialties in the concert.

Charles L. Cartmell and Laura Harris canceled their bookings on the Keith, Proctor, Poli and Orpheum circuits, and are at present under the management of Melville B. Raymond, with whom they have signed a three years' contract.

Frederick Thompson, of Thompson & Dundy, proprietors of Luna Park, Coney Island, has returned from Europe, where he secured several big attractions and novelties for this season, including the troupe of elephants that slide down a chute in a pool of water.

"My Little Zu-oo-oo-lu," the dainty new African song, written by Feist & Barron, has won a host of admirers in the profession even though it has been but a short time out. Among the performers who are using it may be mentioned Zelma Rawiston, Fanny Rice, Louise Taylor, of Adamini and Taylor, Miss Trayer, of Libby and Trayer, and Eleanor Folk and many others.

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DID THIS ACTOR

AND LOST \$18,000

A Star Who Dropped a Neat Little Bankroll Because He Favored the Lady in the Deck.

LUCK WAS AGAINST HIM FOR TWO SESSIONS.

An Exceptionally Long Game at Helena, Mont., Played by a Well-Known Plunger, Who Finished Only \$15 Loser.

When a prominent actor now playing at a Broadway theatre rose from the faro table at a well-known "bank" a few nights ago and said: "That will be about all!" he was \$8,000 behind the game, in addition to which he lost \$10,000 on the following night, making in all a loss on the week of \$18,000, or about one-fifth of his yearly income.

It was after the performance at the theatre when the actor said he felt lucky and thought he would like to take

questioningly across the room at the proprietor, who had heard and nodded affirmatively, walking over to the table to witness the result.

The wrong card was turned and the Theoplan was out \$8,000 on the night. He settled and said: "Good night."

"Good night," replied the man with the frozen smile, "you've had a bad run to-night."

"Oh, that's all right," said the actor, "I'll be back tomorrow and take it away from you."

"Glad to see you any time," said the dealer, and the incident was closed.

On the following morning the comedian's check arrived for \$8,000, and on the same night, after the close of the performance at the theatre, he returned for another try at the bank. He had even worse luck than on the previous evening, and when he left he was \$10,000 more to the bad, making a total loss on the two nights of \$18,000.

The actor rose and put on his hat and coat.

The comedian's reputation as a player is as wide as the country. His friends used to tell a story on him when he was playing at the head of a company in the West several years ago. The theatre was divided from a gambling house by an alley, and from the stage door to the entrance of the gambling establishment was only a step and a half.

Between his calls they say that the actor would leap across the alley in his makeup and lay a bet. One night, in addition to his receipts at the box office, he cleared \$3,540 in his flying leaps, and then he called it off.

TRIED TO BREAK THE BANK.

A Long Session of Twenty-Four Hours With a Loss of \$15 to the Player.

There was a game in Helena, Mont., recently at which Swede Sam, the famous Butte plunger, and a millionaire owner of a copper mine, tried to break the bank of an upper Main street gambling house.

Swede Sam tried to win the roll of the faro game, while the mining man went after the roulette stake with a vengeance. Both plays lasted long, but in the end the house rolls were of about the same size as before. At one time Swede Sam was \$4,000 behind, which, considering the limit allowed, indicated a remarkably bad streak of luck.

It was shortly after midnight that Swede Sam strolled in and, evincing a desire to try his luck, bought \$100 worth of chips. These he soon lost.

Buying another stack, he gave a blue chip to the casekeeper, thus indicating that he was willing to give \$2.50 for the privilege of keeping cases on the cards as they were turned from the box. Gradually the other players cashed their chips and departed, not desiring to compare their bets with those of Sam.

For more than twenty-four hours the Butte plunger sat at the table. Almost constantly during this period he smoked, lighting a fresh cigar about each thirty minutes.

Sam once told United States Senator Clark that he would not give a snap of his finger for the Senator's millions unless he could gamble with them, and he demonstrated his love for the game of chance by not once arising from the table for refreshments during the progress of the play; he did, however, drink one cup of coffee.

He kept losing quite steadily until by 8 o'clock the next morning he was about \$2,500 to the bad at a \$12.50 and \$25 limit, that is \$12.50 on single cards and \$25 on cards where there were two or more of them in the dealer's box.

The day manager arrived shortly after 8 o'clock, and in compliance with Sam's request raised the limit to \$25 on singles and \$50 on doubles. A new dealer also relieved the night man, and with this came a change in Sam's luck.

The chips began to move from inside the rack toward the casekeeper until Sam was nearly even. By calling the last turn for \$250 he would have been a slight winner, but he missed his guess.

Then, with a disparaging remark about ill luck, he changed his system, and if luck had been bad before, it grew even worse. In fact, he began to descend again, and by the time darkness set in he was \$4,000 loser.

Again he began to win, gaining \$1,000 on a single deal, only to drop back, but about 11 o'clock, or within a few minutes of twenty-four hours from the time he started, a winning streak was encountered, which by the time it ended, shortly after 1 o'clock on the second morning, left him just \$15 loser.

Apologizing to the proprietor for quitting with the explanation that he had been up all the day before and was in consequence a bit exhausted, Sam cashed in and left the house just \$15 poorer than when he entered.

The Butte mining man, who was in attendance upon the United States court in connection with a contempt proceeding, visited the same house shortly after dinner one evening and decided to take a flyer at roulette. He began playing half dollars on the numbers that appealed to his fancy. Losing steadily for an hour or

more, he wrote out a check for \$500 and began playing silver dollars on the numbers.

He was apparently out of luck, however, as he seldom picked a winning number and soon grew desperate and began betting as high as \$5 and \$10 on favorite selections. One of the latter won, which recouped his fortune to the extent of \$350, and then began the high rolling.

Not unlike Swede Sam, he was at times a loser by several thousand dollars, and would with a streak of luck run his capital up to nearly the original amount at times, only to drop back again. At the end of about twelve hours play he became a winner for the first time, and fearing that he would again encounter a bad run, decided to cash in his chips. This he did, quitting the game about \$250 to the good.

ORIGINAL SLANG,

Of the kind you don't hear every day, will be a feature of the stories written by Chuck Connors, the Mayor of Chinatown, for the POLICE GAZETTE, and which will appear in a few weeks. They will be illustrated by the best photographs ever taken of this famous New York character. Watch for them.

A FINISH FIGHT IN PRIVATE.

In a finish fight held in New York city on Feb. 16, Jimmy Doran, of Brooklyn, easily demonstrated that Dan Hurley knew little about the game of biff. Doran crossed his right to the jaw in the first round and Hurley did the rest. His part of the performance consisted of slumbering until counted out by the referee.

POLICE STOPPED THIS BOUT.

After three rounds of terrific slugging the fight between Fred Broad and Mul Bowser was stopped by the police at the Olympic Club, Pittsburgh, Feb. 16. The preliminaries were not interfered with.

The fight was to have been six rounds, catch weights, the men weighing about 155 pounds. James Mason acted as referee, but did not give a decision.

LUNDIN THROWS PARR.

Hjalmar Lundin, the Swedish wrestling champion, won two falls at Greco-Roman style in his mixed match with Jim Parr at Jamestown, N. Y., Feb. 11. Lundin took the first fall in 23 minutes and it took Parr 37½ minutes to gain a fall at catch-as-catch-can style in second bout. Lundin, having the choice of style on account of gaining the quickest fall, named Greco-Roman, and secured the final fall in 11:33.

WILLOUGHBY AND CONKIE DRAW.

Walter Willoughby, of Buffalo, holds the title of middleweight wrestling champion, but he found it impossible to throw Charlie Conkie, the Canadian welterweight, in two hours and a half of catch-as-catch-can wrestling at the Olympic Club, Buffalo, Feb. 15, and at the end of that period their match was declared a draw. In fact, toward the end of the bout matters began to look squally for the Buffalo champion. Willoughby was a top-heavy favorite, as his recent defeat of Ed Atherton was thought practically to insure victory over

CHALLENGES

Kid Coxe, of New York, challenges any 105-pound boxer in the world.

George Cuher, a speedy Brooklyn skater, wants to engage in a mile race for a trophy.

Chris Bowenkamp, a Brooklynite, thinks well enough of the ability of Dan Healy as a swimmer



JIM KINNEY.

Popular Matchmaker of the Windsor Athletic Club of Windsor, Canada.

to match him against any one to swim from the Battery, New York, to Governor's Island.

I challenge any 125-pound boxer in the world.—I. Nislot, Pastime A. C., New York.

Jerry Simms, a promising lightweight, wants to try conclusions with Dal Hawkins or Danny Duane.

Dal Hawkins wants to get back into the game and has issued a challenge to any of the lightweights.

Carlos E. Speranza, champion Sicilian knife duelist, is anxious to meet any one who questions his right to the title.

H. Stern, champion rag-time pianist, is open to meet all comers. He can be found at 1460 Broadway, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Kid Williams, who recently drew with George Cole in Philadelphia, wants to settle the question of supremacy in a twenty-round bout.

I hereby challenge any man in the world to meet me in a fencing match.—Prof. Galante, Velodrom-Roterbaum, Hamburg, Germany.

T. A. Maseola, a crack tonsorialist of 1136 Main street, Hartford, Conn., is also a clever wrestler, and wants to compete with any mat artist in Connecticut at 100 pounds.

Frank Vogel, the champion shoe shiner of Bartonville, Ill., has defeated all boys of his age—11 years—and issues a general challenge.—G. P. Christensen, Bartonville, Ill.

I am open to meet any boxer in the business at 105 pounds. I have fought seventeen battles and never been defeated.—Billie Potts, 225 Clinton avenue, Minneapolis, Minn.

"I am much pleased with your boxing gloves which you sent me as a premium. They are the best I have seen."—Fen Chong, Colon, Colombia.—Send \$6.00 for a year's subscription to the POLICE GAZETTE and get your choice of punching bag or boxing gloves free. This includes expressage.

F. McDermott, of 833 Ninth avenue, New York, is looking after the interests of Terry Smith, a promising 135-pound boxer, whom he is ready to match with anybody at that weight.

Emil Catalano, a musician, claims to be able to play any instrument in a band, and stands ready to compete with any musician in the world in an instrument playing competition.

Clarence Bouldin, the "Cuban Wonder," can find backing in New York to wrestle Frank Gotch in a handicap match. The Cuban is without a doubt the best middleweight wrestler in the country.

I claim to be the 100-pound champion of Delaware and am willing to meet any legitimate boxer who can back himself.—S. Melitz (Young Jack Daly), 1408 N. Twenty-seventh street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Here is a chance for gymnasts to compete in a contest with H. Robinson, of Lewiston, Me., who wants to meet anybody in a competition, and will wager \$600 that he can perform the most difficult feats.

Charles Pizinger, of Olmits, Kan., writes that he would like to meet any 150-pound man in the roped arena for a side bet of \$100 in a fifteen-round bout, and answers will receive prompt attention if addressed to Box 52, Olmits, Kan.

Lewis D. Coleman, of Co. C, 24th Infantry, stationed at Fort Harrison, Mont., is handy with the gloves, and the boys at the post are willing to back him in a contest with any of the soldiers in Uncle Sam's army that are in the heavyweight class.

On behalf of Warren Travis, "Police Gazette" champion back lifter, I have deposited \$250 at the POLICE GAZETTE office to back him to compete with any one in a back lifting contest or to lift with harness.—William J. Green, 1922 Third Avenue, New York city.

The fighting career of John L. Sullivan has always been productive of argument. The 1904 Police Gazette Sporting Annual has the facts. 10 cents. Postage 2c. extra.



KID COXEY.

A 105-pound Boxer of New York. He's one of Joe Choynski's Promising Pupils.

a "fly" at the bank. He did take a fly, and a high one. When he finished his wings were singed, and he returned to his hotel in the morning singing the popular refrain which Eddie Foy used to warble in "The Wild Rose," called "I'm Unlucky."

When the actor entered the resort one or two men quit playing, for they knew that there would be something worth looking at. From the Pacific to the Atlantic the comedian has a reputation as a player off the stage as well as on, and everyone knew that there was about to be "something doing."

He sat down at the table and took \$1,000 worth of checks. Within three minutes his pile was gone.

"Let me have another \$1,000."

The dealer pushed the monument of checks across the table and the comedian coppered the queen with a hundred. The queen won.

"That queen has won six times running, and I've coppered it every time."

The player pushed back his chair as if he were about to quit. The dealer regarded him nonchalantly with a hard blue eye and an imitation smile.

"Give me another hundred's worth of checks," said the player.

"Wait a minute," he added, as the dealer started, "I want to get all the cases. What did that ten do? Lose? All right; it's about time for it to win, I guess."

But it was not yet time, and the actor dropped \$50 on the turn of the card.

"I'll bet \$200 on the high card," he exclaimed, and the high card lost.

Then he had a winning streak and touched the bank for \$400 before his luck changed again. When it did change, however, it changed with a vengeance, and within an hour the comedian was \$6,000 out of pocket. It was the last turn with three cards in the box. The comedian looked at the dealer and the same hard smile that seemed frozen on the gambler's face was his only encouragement.

"Is it the last turn?" asked the actor.

"Yes."

"What's in the box?"

"Ace, king and queen."

"That's a strange combination. All right; I'll call it king, queen for a thousand and a thousand on the queen to win!"

The dealer paused at the size of the bet. He looked

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EMIL CATALANO.

Musical Director of the Fay Foster Burlesquers who is a Master of all Band Instruments.

the lighter Hamilton man. Both men were found in fine form, with Willoughby having in the neighborhood of twenty pounds the better of the other man, Walter weighing apparently between 160 and 170 pounds.

The Kid Fredericks-Willie Fitzgerald twenty-round bout, which was to have reopened the Fort Erie boxing arena Feb. 22, was declared off owing to internal dissen-



A CHARMING DRUMMER GIRL.



Photo by Sarony: New York.

CISSIE LOFTUS, WHO IS A FAVORITE
IN THE VAUDEVILLES.

Photo by Goss: Milwaukee.

DAISY DWYER, A CLEVER COMEDienne.



Photo by Stein: Milwaukee.

IDA EMERSON, OF THE GAY MASQUERADERS.



ADLAID WALSH, A "JOLLY GRASS WIDOW" GIRL.



Photo by Mueller: Cincinnati.

LOUISE DOLLEY, OF THE TROCADERO BURLESQUERS.

PRIMROSES FROM THE THEATRICAL FIELD.
THEY BLOOM BEAUTIFULLY IN THE LIMELIGHT AND ANYBODY WILL RECOGNIZE THEM.

THE "BELFAST CHICKEN" TELLS RING EXPERIENCE

**Prof. Bill Clark, Seventy-six Years Old Now, and
Has Fought Hundreds of Battles**

CAN STILL PUT UP A GOOD BOUT

**Talks Entertainingly of the Battles That Took Place Fifty Years Ago---Relates
How He Succeeded in Winning His First Fight.**

Very few men live to be 76 years of age. To be that age after going through several hundred gruelling prize fights, when fighting was conducted under the old London ring rules, which allowed for everything but the use of weapons, is remarkable. Better still, to be lighter on your feet at 76 than most men of 30, and to still be an athlete, quick at thought and perfect in sight, makes it appear as though prize fighting is not such a bad business to take to if a man wants to live to a ripe old age.

Prof. Bill Clark, of St. Louis, Mo., better known as the "Belfast Chicken," has all these physical quali-

ties. He took place everybody chipped in so much which went as a purse. The purses the men received in those days varied all the way from one pound to 100 pounds, and Bill says most of the fights were for two pounds or \$10. Four hours was not considered very long for a fight. Once Bill says the men started late in the morning and the spectators went home for breakfast with the exception of the fighters and their seconds. When they got back about five hours later the principals were still fighting. Bill can tell stories of fights he witnessed that would make the present pugilist turn green with fear. Naturally, growing up among fighters, Bill learned

of pugilists, meeting all comers. They would go into a town, pitch their tents, set up their ring and would have their "barker" go out and challenge any man to fight Bill Clark. Some big fellow would accept, and the gloves would be tossed out to him. The crowd would strip him, and then would file in after him, paying an admission fee. Clark's hands would be broken from his fights, and Bill says some of the men he had to fight in those days were like pieces of iron to land a blow on. Clark continued this life for nine years, fighting at least once a week.

When the country fairs and races were running Clark would fight from morning till night, meeting all comers. In the morning he was so stiff and sore he would be unable to move. A bucket of water thrown on him and a rub down and he would be in the ring again.

Colors played an important part in the game in those days. Each man had to twine a handkerchief in his corner. The man who won got his opponent's colors. The admirers of the men would also wear their favorite colors. If a man won he was all right; if he lost he did not get a cent, his friends lost their all on him and he was treated with small courtesy.

Finally Bill left England and came to America. After boxing around the country for awhile he finally settled in 'Frisco, giving boxing lessons.

Clark can tell any number of stories of his fights. The men in the old days trained differently than they do now, for the man with the most grit and stamina generally won out. When the men had made a match and posted a forfeit they went home and prepared a black draught, in which licorice, herbs and the like

quainted with almost every pugilist of note in the ring to-day, and takes an active interest in all pugilistic affairs. Very few fights are brought off that Bill does not attend. As he sits at the ring his face glows as he calls "go it, boys." He can be picked out no matter how big the crowd, and he is generally pointed out as Bill Clark, the "Belfast Chicken," and dean of the St. Louis pugilistic colony. Men of Bill's style are passing away, but Bill is good for many years to come. He owns considerable property in that city, is married, has good health and no complaints on any score, and will be the same "Old Bill Clark" for many years to come.

CHUCK CONNORS,

the Mayor of Chinatown, original tough boy of New York, guide for slumming parties and famous as a wit, will shortly write a series of stories of himself for the POLICE GAZETTE. Look out for them.

WILLIE SCHUMAKER PUT AWAY.

Willie Schumaker, of New York, ex-champion bantamweight of the world, was knocked out cleanly at New Bedford, Mass., Feb. 15, by Albert Delmont, of Boston, in the eighth round of what was scheduled to be a fifteen-round go.

The fight started in lively and neither man wasted a moment. They went at each other fiercely. Up to the fifth round honors were about even as to blows. The fifth round started with infighting. Delmont led and



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HOW THE JAPANESE SAILORS TRAIN.

Bayonet Exercise on Board one of the Mikado's Battleships, which is an interesting Feature of the Routine of the Oriental Jackies, who are Now Engaged in the More Serious Work of Fighting Against the Mighty Forces of the Russian Empire.

ations, and says that on his next birthday, January 25, he will be 77 years old. Every morning Bill gives swimming lessons for several hours, and is a great swimmer himself; dives and goes through all kinds of swimming tricks.

"Old, am I? Well, I expect to be a good deal older by the time I die," says Bill, when told that most gentlemen at his age would rather have an easy chair in which to doze away the day than to chase youngsters out of rafters and give swimming lessons.

Clark sparred with all the ring notables of his time, and was counted upon as one of the cleverest men in the ring at that time. He used his head when he fought, and his tricks won many a battle for him. He does not show a scar for his many fights and does not feel any the worse for them. Thieves got into his natatorium some time ago. Bill looked too old to stop them, but he knocked one out, and they suddenly changed their minds. Clark came of a family of nine children, with only his mother to support them. That was in England. Bill, being the oldest, started to work, but he says he did not get half enough to eat.

At that time there was in England what was known as pugilistic associations which brought off fights every week. It supported all the fighters and when the fights

something of the game himself. Every pugilistic association had a twenty-four foot ring. The association near Clark's home was looked after by a boy named Punch. Punch used to literally clean up every boy in the neighborhood every time he could get them into the ring. One day Bill went on with him. Clark was thin as a rail at that time and weighed about 100 pounds, while Punch weighed about 115. Bill was fast and clever and Punch fat and slow. As usual, when that combination gets together, Bill played for Punch's stomach and finally got one home that put Punch down and out.

As luck would have it the proprietor of the association happened to be in the building at that time and seeing Punch, whom he thought would make a great fighter, down and out, dismissed him and hired Bill in his place at a salary of ten shillings a week. Bill became a favorite on the jump with everybody. They wanted to treat him and offered him liquor. His new employer, whose name was McGann, would not allow him to touch it. Bill says he did not want it but his appetite did want something. Mutton pies were to be had and he celebrated his first ring victory by eating mutton pies. From then on Clark rapidly rose in the pugilistic world, meeting all comers in England, Ireland and Scotland, and winning almost invariably. Jerry Noon, who was considered the best man of his weight at that time, fell before Clark.

Then Bill toured the three countries with a company

were boiled together. They took this for three days. Then they started to get down to weight. In those days the weight was a more important question than it is now. If a man was an ounce overweight he had to take off some of his fighting clothes or lose his forfeit and the match. An old fighter who is at present in Canada had to fight in his bare feet one time. He was overweight and had to take off his shoes. His opponent amused himself by tramping on his toes, but the veteran won, notwithstanding.

There were no Turkish baths in those days. A man would muffle up and go out on the road and run ten or fifteen miles as hard as he could go. He would come back to his quarters, fall in bed, and every cover available would be piled on him. Clark knew one fighter to take off forty pounds in one week by that method. After he was to weight, wrestling, and back heeling and other tricks were practiced, for all that played an important part in the game. Then a big bag of sand and hay was brought into play. Other strenuous stunts were gone through till almost the limit possible for endurance had been reached. Then came the fight; and to not a few their death, at least a half a dozen being killed before Clark's own eyes. Fighting in those days was a serious business and there was not much fun in it.

Bill is a great admirer of Jeffries and called the recent battle almost to the round. Jeffries style of fighting in the bout was also forecasted. Clark is ac-

landed a straight right and followed it up with a left-handed swing which staggered the New Yorker. The blow dazed Schumaker and Delmont landed blow after blow on Schumaker's face and body. Schumaker could hardly see from blood, but managed to stay the round out, although Delmont tried hard to land the finishing blow. In the sixth Schumaker came back stronger and landed a blow which staggered the Boston man, who fought more cautiously.

In the seventh Schumaker took two hard right-handed swings and retaliated with a good left-handed uppercut, but was knocked down a second later. At the beginning of the eighth round Delmont landed a fierce right-handed uppercut, knocking Schumaker out.

In the first preliminary Ralph Kelley, of Cambridge, and Eddie Carr, of Boston, met in a six-round fight, which was declared a draw. Once or twice during the contest Carr had all the better of it. Carr took some well-directed leads from Kelley's left, but at the close of the sixth round there was little difference noticeable in the condition of the men.

Gomez, a Portuguese boxer from Bourne, won his match with Morgan, an Englishman. The latter was fighting his first match, and Gomez administered severe punishment. In the fourth round Morgan quit.

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ATHLETES, Your Attention is Called to Page 7---A Series of Army and Navy Exercises Has Just Begun

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How a Well-Known Bookmaker, Who Thought He Was Fly Enough, Was Easily Trimmed for His Bankroll.

It isn't very long ago that an English lawyer was robbed of \$18,000 at a London hotel, and the publication of the story set an old-time detective thinking.

"The fellow who got that coin," he remarked, "probably knew of it before his man left home. There's a

for the big goods, will trail a prize package for weeks and over thousands of miles.

"A sneak, for example, spots a well-to-do woman travelling with a maid. The thief can tell at a glance whether the mistress or the maid is carrying the money and jewelry.

"Suppose the mistress and the maid to be travelling from New York to San Francisco. They stop for rest in several cities en route. The sneak makes the same hotels as they do.

"At the first hotel he carefully notes whether the satchel containing the goods goes to the hotel apartments. If the money and valuables are deposited in the hotel safe, the sneak knows that that's a habit with the travelling woman, and his work is cut out for him.

"If, however, the stuff is not deposited the sneak has more or less of a snap. He watches the movements of the mistress and the maid.

"If the mistress leaves the hotel for a bit of shopping unaccompanied by the maid he trails her to find out whether she has the stuff on her or has left it at the hotel in charge of the maid. The woman carrying her jewelry in a chamois bag in the bosom of her dress has a habit of constantly feeling to see if it is there. If she does this the sneak bides his time. There is nothing doing with the situation framed up that way, and he has got to watch for the inevitable careless moment.

"If, however, the stuff has been left at the hotel in charge of the maid there are various methods. One of them was skillfully worked by a sneak in a Chicago hotel not long ago.

"The travelling mistress was out shopping, the maid remaining in the apartments to guard the valuables. The watchful sneak scribbled a line to the maid, signing the head clerk's name, telling the girl that the pet poodle travelling with her mistress, and kept in accordance with the hotel rules in the hotel basement, under the porter's care, was having a fit, and requesting her to have a look at the dog. He sent this note to the maid by a bellboy.

"The maid hurried to the basement. The sneak at the same moment was going up another elevator, and he walked into the unguarded apartment and snagged the satchel containing thousands of dollars in money and jewelry; something easy. That was one way, and the sneak has dozens of others.

"The mistress and maid may go out together, leaving the stuff behind in the hotel apartment. The sneak can tell whether that is the case—and there is his chance. He gets his skeleton keys in action, and the job is pulled off.

"The mistress and maid may have the stuff with them in a satchel, one or the other of them carrying it, or taking turns; and the sneak is right after them in that case, from store to store, luncheon place, theatre, everywhere, waiting for the carrier of the bag to become forgetful, if only for a moment, and drop it, so that there is a fair chance of annexing it.

"If no other way offers, he can get the goods by flashing a duplicate. That's how the sneak in the case I have in mind—which is why I instanced the case of the mistress and maid travelling to California—finally got the satchel he needed.

"It happened the winter before last, and the sneak told me about it last summer, when I got him for a different job. The mistress and maid were bound for Coronado Beach, and the sneak was right with them from the first jump from New York. But neither mistress nor maid gave him an opening at any stage of the route.

"When they stopped off at El Paso the sneak figured that they were going to be equally cautious all the rest of the way. So he went to a bag shop in El Paso and got a duplicate of their small alligator hand-bag. He had the mistress' initials stamped in the same kind of letters of gilt on one side of the bag.

"He got into the same parlor car with them at El Paso when they resumed their journey, concealing the mate to their hand-bag under his travelling coat. When the train was pulling into Los Angeles, he picked up his long travelling coat, with the duplicate hand-bag concealed in its folds. His minute had arrived.

"The mistress and maid were busying themselves in getting their travelling gear together, and the hand-bag that the sneak wanted in his business was lying beside the maid's chair. As he passed that chair his coat slipped from his grasp and fell on top of that meaty hand-bag. He stooped to pick it up—and the job was done.

"Nothing is too risky for one of these sneaks when he dopes it out that he has at least an even-money chance to connect with the stuff he is after. One of them followed a swell New York couple to Chicago. They put up at one of those very swell Chicago hotels, which, of course, was good enough for the sneak, too.

"The sneak was on hand to observe that the New Yorkers deposited their shiny rocks with the hotel clerk. After a day or so, he took note of the fact that when they left the hotel they always took their key with them.

"On the second day after their arrival, the sneak saw

the New York couple leave the ladies' entrance to the hotel in walking dress. They took their key with them, as usual, and the hotel people hadn't noticed their leaving the hotel.

"The sneak went smack to the suite of the New York couple and let himself in with one of his handy keys. Then he sat down at the escritoire and scrawled a line to the hotel clerk.

"'Old chap,' the line read, 'be good enough to send up that packet of mine that you've got in the safe, will you?'

"The sneak signed the name of the man of the couple. He had practiced signing it, from memory, after scrutinizing it carefully on the register, and he was handy with his pen. He knew that the guest was on chummy terms with the head clerk, and had heard him address the head clerk as 'old chap.'

"The bellboy he summoned took the note down to the head clerk, who took the packet called for out of the safe and sent it up, telling the bellboy to be careful of it. The sneak tossed the bellboy a dollar, closed the door for a moment, then clapped on his hat and strolled out of the hotel, with a little bundle of gleamers belonging to the guest's wife that netted him a good \$15,000.

"If the clerk had insisted, as most clerks do, that the guest receive the packet himself over the counter, and receipt for it on the spot, the sneak's goose would, of course, have been cooked. But the airy familiarity and ease of the sneak's note threw the clerk off his guard, and he took the chance.

"A New York bookmaker, who had always imagined that he was a pretty fly mug before the thing happened, was shredded for a \$6,000 bankroll at a New Orleans hotel by a night working sneak two years ago this winter. The layer had his stuff in a tin box on his dresser, and he never deposited it in the hotel safe.

"The sneak had him spotted for a heavy sleeper, and he didn't have much bother in pushing out the key on the inside of the door and in getting into the bookie's room. He got the bundle out of the tin box, slipping into its place a phony bundle which he had prepared to meet any contingency.

"He accidentally allowed the lid of the tin box to fall with a clank, however, and that woke the bookmaker

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up. Instantly the sneak touched the button that switched on the electric lights.

"Who the devil are you, and what are you doing in here?" the bookmaker demanded, sitting up in bed.

"I'm the house detective," snappily replied the sneak, flashing a badge, "and some of these mornings you'll be down at the desk raising Cain because you find your wad missing. It's a wonder you wouldn't close and lock your door at night."

"Why, wasn't it locked?" inquired the bookmaker, not remembering whether he had locked it.

"No, nor even fully closed," growled the sneak. "I noticed the crack as I came prowling along, and your layout here would be nuts and raisins for a hall sneak."

"The bookmaker looked chagrined, and got out of

FISTIC EVENTS

The Criterion A. C., of Boston, has abandoned its old arena.

Aurelio Herrera attributes his defeat at the hands of Louie Long to excessive training.

Jack Clancy, of America, easily beat Tom Woodley in twenty rounds at Liverpool recently.

Martin Canole has received an offer to meet Young Corbett in San Francisco this month.

Matty Matthews has been promised a try at Jack O'Brien. Matty will have to give away a lot of weight to O'Brien.

Kid Davis, an American colored boy, is creating a sensation in England. He recently beat Alf Wright in a couple of rounds.

Billy Weller, the Canadian featherweight champion, has been matched to fight Terry McGovern within the next three months.

The bout between George Cole and Jack Williams at the Lenox A. C., Philadelphia, recently, went the limit. It was a draw.

Kid Lavigne is still in Paris, France, where he is conducting a boxing school. He will pay a visit to this country in a few months.

Billy Ryan, the Syracuse featherweight, is giving instructions in the manly art to the youngsters in a private school in Syracuse, N. Y.

Johnny Reagan, of Brooklyn, and Abe Attell may come together at Chicago shortly. The Battery D. A. C. wants the fight at 122 pounds or under.

Although Ben Jordan has been offered a match with either Young Corbett or McGovern, he shows no undue haste in getting from England to this country.

George Justice, of New York, who was a prominent featherweight a few years ago, was easily whipped by Spike Robson in twenty rounds in Newcastle, England.

Aurelio Herrera, the Mexican featherweight, is getting beaten in every fight which he engages in at present. His latest defeat was at the hands of Louie Long, the California fighter, who knocked him out in the third round at Anaconda, Mont., recently.

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Al Neill, who was regarded as a coming man in the middleweight division in California, suffered another bad defeat recently. He was knocked out in less than one round by "Dixie Kid," the California colored fighter. Neill was no match for the rugged colored lad and was floored twice before he was finally knocked out.

James Byrne, manager of the Fall Mountain A. C., at Bellows Falls, Vt., announces that the club has again resumed, and in the future will put on first-class attractions. Some of the best bouts in New



CY FLYNN.

Lightweight Boxer of Buffalo and Member of the Silver Star Athletic Club.

certain class of English thieves called ralers, who make a good thing of just following up on trains and steamers and tramcars men and women who have a foolish habit of always feeling for their money. When a thief knows just where the money is in the raiment of the person he trails, he's got a four-in-five chance of snagging it sooner or later if he is patient and scientific, and the English ralers are both.

"There are plenty of ralers in this country, too, but they are generally grouped under the heading of hotel sneaks. They trail their quarry to hotels and nail the money or jewels of their victims by the exercise of shrewd head work.

"There are few persons who know how to travel with large sums of money or valuable jewels without making that fact obvious to smooth thieves. When a prosperous looking man on a railroad train takes a furtive clutch at his breast pocket, where the big wallet bulges every little while, he makes himself the easiest kind of a mark either for a dip or for a hotel sneak.

"It's the same with a woman carrying a hand satchel containing her jewels. A first class sneak on a train can infallibly tell, after about two minutes' observation, whether the hand satchel of a travelling woman contains her valuables or not.

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SOME IOWA SPORTS.

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bed and went over to the tin box and raised the lid to see if his bankroll was still there. He saw the phony bankroll, with the yellow outsider, that the sneak had dropped into the tin box in place of the real one, and was satisfied.

"The 'house detective' went out with another word of warning or so, and the layer locked the door and went back to bed. The things he had to say the next day when he picked up the bogus wad and looked it over made even Virginia Carroll, the wild man and pirate of the betting ring, blush all over."

England were seen at this club last summer, and Manager Byrne is popular with the boxers, as he always lives up to whatever agreement he may make.

Young Corbett has received a good offer to box in Chicago on a percentage basis, but does not think any of the clubs in the Windy City are large enough to make it worth while.

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As I take great pleasure in reading the POLICE GAZETTE, for your free physical culture lessons which I take advantage of, I wish a little information. A short time ago I was anxious to enlist in the United States Army, but when I went to Governors Island I was rejected on account of my heart being weak, so what would you advise me to do, that is, in what exercise? I have taken advantage of all your exercises



PLATE NO. 1.

out your shoulders and develop your entire body.

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six rounds. Melody landed the greater number of blows, good, clean-cut wallops, and in any other ring would have been awarded the verdict.

Melody was the aggressor from the start. In the last round Buddy hugged Melody closely at every opportunity and both swung wildly in the breakaways. Ryan landed two straight rights on Melody's body and forced him to the ropes, where both mixed it up. Ryan had a shade the better of the round, and it was this fact that won him the fight. Melody showed cleverness and a willingness to do and dare which created a highly favorable impression.

MAHARG DEFEATS DOUGHERTY.

Billy Maharg defeated Hughey Dougherty in an unsatisfactory bout at the Richmond A. C., Philadelphia, Feb. 13. Maharg fought in windmill fashion, and though he reached his opponent often the blows were poorly timed. The men were more fatigued by their clinches than by the fighting they did.

In the semi-windup Johnny Coleman bested Jack Powderly, while in the preliminaries Jack Burke outclassed Kid Tracey, the referee stopping the bout in the third round. Eddie Budd had Johnny Loxley almost out in the fifth, when the referee sent the men to their corners. Harry Decker outpointed Bert Keys.

HAMILTON EASY FOR DECKER.

George Decker, the featherweight, made a punching bag of Jack Hamilton, of Troy, at the National A. C., Philadelphia, Feb. 13. Hamilton appeared slow, and while he made several wicked swings and lunges, none of them did any damage.

The boys had been sparring for about a minute when they both let go their rights for the jaw. Decker's punch landed first, and the visitor went in a heap on the floor. Hamilton was up at once and made a lunge for Decker. The latter sidestepped and Jack went sprawling on the floor. The fifth was all Decker's. He made a target of Hamilton's eye in the sixth round and did far the better work.

"Mississippi" fouled Phil Logan in the third round of the semi-windup. Willie Gibbs lost to Danny Taylor. Cub White and Harry Berger and Jack Waldron and Fred Martin fought draws.

FORBES PUTS KELLEY AWAY.

Harry Forbes knocked out Johnny Kelley in the third round of what was slated for a six-round bout as the windup of the Chicago Athletic Association Feb. 13. Forbes outclassed his opponent all the way and was at no time in danger. Kelley, who sprung a sensation at the same club about a year ago by knocking out Morris Rauch, and who since that time fought Johnnie

hard work with a full Nelson and arm hold. A return match will undoubtedly be arranged.

"Farmer" Burns issued a challenge to the winner and will undoubtedly be accommodated by Ross.

In the preliminary Clarence Driggs took two straight falls from E. L. Pilling for the State amateur championship.

JUST PRACTICE FOR GRIF JONES.

It did not take Grif Jones very long to dispose of Young Kelly at the New Nonpareil A. C., Philadelphia, recently. Jones sailed right into Kelly and had him beaten in short order. In the second Kelly went the voyage and it was all over.

The semi-windup was also short and sweet. Todo Moran unintentionally fouled Eddie Chambers in the very first round and the bout ended.

The other bouts of the evening were fast and exciting. Young Connor knocked out Young Edwards in the second round; Young Smith and Young Dempsey went six rounds to a draw and Jack Burke bested Lefty Miller.

BLACK BILL GETS HIS.

Jack Johnson, who claims the colored heavyweight championship of the world, made good at the Lenox A. C., Philadelphia, on Feb. 15, when he met Black Bill, of Merchantville.

Johnson gave Black Bill a severe drubbing for six rounds, but was unable to land the blow so far.

Johnson used his left effectively and soon had Bill bleeding from the mouth. He then brought his right into play and smashed Bill's jaw hard. The latter took the punishment gamely, but seemed afraid to lead. There were several hot mixups, but Johnson easily held his opponent safe throughout.

In the last round he made a desperate effort to bring the bout to an end before the gong, and although he hit Bill hard and often the Merchantville man was on hand at the gong.

In the semi-windup Young Erne and Tom O'Hara put up a hard battle, in which the former led for five rounds. O'Hara came back strong in the sixth, but Erne's lead was too much to overcome.

In the preliminaries Chick Lukens and Young Rox fought a draw, and Jack Durane easily defeated Jimmy

A NEW FEATURE.

In a few weeks the POLICE GAZETTE will introduce a new feature by publishing full-page half-tone pictures of sensational and sporting events gathered from all parts of the world. These photographs have been procured at considerable expense and include such subjects as cock fighting, bull fighting, broncho busting, wrestling in the Orient and scenes aboard the war ships.

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I have read your articles in the POLICE GAZETTE and have derived great benefit from them, and your breathing exercises will be read with great interest.

The readers of the POLICE GAZETTE would, I have no doubt, be greatly interested in your views on diet, whether you advocate the one-meal plan, two-meal or three-meal plan per day. Some even advocate eating five or more times per day. Some say our meals should be eaten dry and no water drunk until so many hours after eating. In short your views on eating, drinking and on bathing. As to bathing, some say the daily cold bath is harmful, others the contrary.

Yours truly,

EMIL HASSEN.

Eating, drinking and bathing is a subject on which many authorities seem to disagree, but you cannot go wrong if you will eat three meals a day and drink all the water you want between times. Don't destroy your body by partial starvation. We shall publish in the near future articles on the subject from a rational standpoint.

MELLODY WON BUT LOST.

Billy Melody, of Boston, made his debut in Chicago before the Battery D Association recently, and the event was signaled by the referee giving him the worst of the mill by awarding Buddy Ryan the decision. The audience believed a draw would have been the proper thing, and voiced their indignation in hooting at the referee.

Melody's manner of fighting, his nerve, his alertness, speed and knowledge of ring tactics created an excellent impression upon the big crowd present.

There is no question that Melody had the better of the contest. Both fighters were tired at the end and neither had the steam behind his blows to insure a knockout. The fighting was fierce during the entire

Reagan to a draw, besides flooring Forbes in a bout at Kansas City, showed no class on this occasion. The long lay off has spoiled all the chances of his becoming the leader of his class, for which he gave promise less than a year ago.

Forbes made a rushing fight of it. He floored Kelley several times in the first and second rounds, and in the third practically knocked Kelley out with a right to the stomach. Kelley got to his feet at the count of nine, and Forbes landed a hard left to the jaw which did the trick. Referee Siler did not count over him, and motioned for his seconds to carry him out of the ring.

LANGFORD STOPPED JOHNSON.

Sam Langford stopped Charley Johnson at the Central A. C., Boston, recently. For three rounds Johnson made a fair showing, but after that he was not in it, as Langford jabbed and slammed him around the ring with ease. At the conclusion of the fifth Referee Keavin called the bout off and gave the decision to Langford.

Our Halftone Photos.

W. G. Metzger is one of the most promising athletes of the Y. M. C. A. of Cleveland, O.

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ROSS DEFEATS LEWIS.

Charley Ross, the champion middleweight wrestler of the Northwest, defeated Frank A. Lewis at the Grand Theatre, Salt Lake City, Utah, recently. After fourteen minutes of hard work Lewis won the first fall by a half-Nelson and leg hold. Ross won the second fall in four minutes with a half-Nelson and wrist hold after using front struggle with arm lock. The third fall was also taken by Ross after eleven minutes of

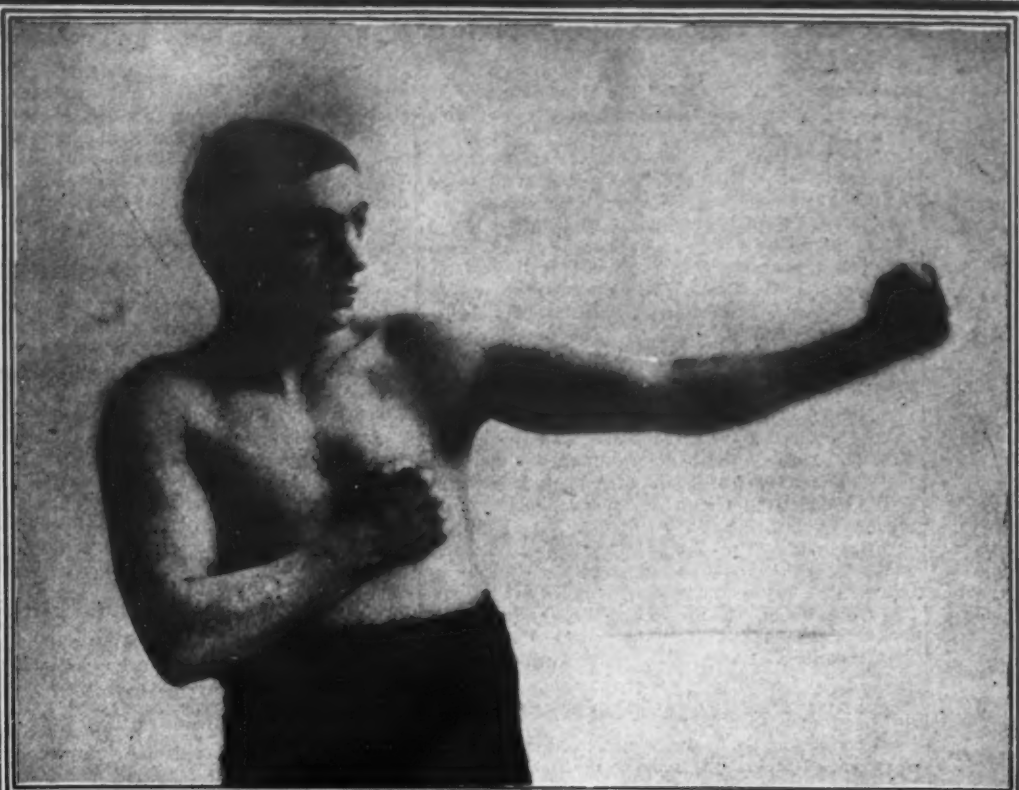


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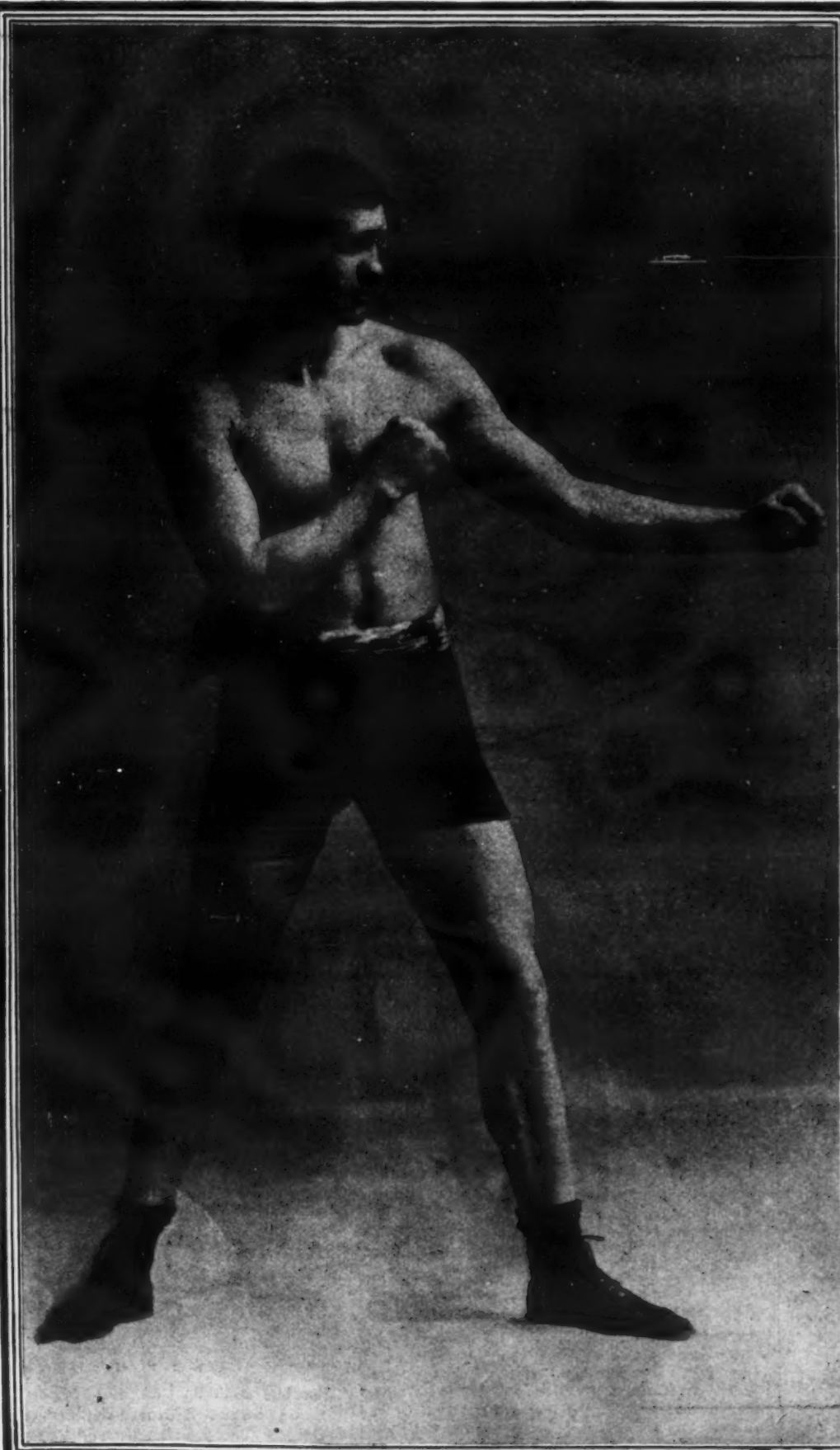
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NATIONAL BOXING ASSN'S WEIGHTS ARE COMPLICATED

Disgraceful Scene in a Chicago Boxing Club with Young Griffo in a Stellar Role. Small Talk in the World of Pugilism.

"I've got my matrimonial affairs readjusted now to my satisfaction, and I'm going to fight again," so said the urbane Kid McCoy, as, tucked up in furs to our eyes, we were bowling down the Boulevard in the Kid's big white automobile, on our way to Coney Island. "I never really retired, you know, but after Root beat me in Detroit that night in April, a year ago, I realized that I needed at least twelve months' rest, and now that I've had it, back to the fighting game for me."

McCoy's reappearance in the ring will rather complicate matters in the light heavyweight division, and already he has begun framing up some engagements with the fighters who are factors in that class. The men he wants to fight are Tommy Ryan, Jack O'Brien, Bob Fitzsimmons and Jack Munroe. McCoy believes he can defeat either one or all of these boxers, and the plans he has laid out for the future are interesting and unique.

He will only agree to meet Ryan and O'Brien in six-round bouts, will tackle Jack Munroe for fifteen rounds at Fort Erie on St. Patrick's day, if the minor agrees, and will leave Fitzsimmons go until September, when he believes that he will be in form that will enable him to conquer the Cornishman.

McCoy's first match will in all probability be with Jack O'Brien, the clever Philadelphian, who gave Tommy Ryan a hard fight the other night at the Quaker City. McCoy has accepted an offer from one of the Boston clubs to fight O'Brien. It is expected that O'Brien will accept, as he informed the Boston people to accept any opponent to meet him.

In the hope that he will yet win the light-heavyweight championship from Fitzsimmons, McCoy is training every day and is rapidly rounding into shape. He believes that with constant training he will be able to cope with any of the heavyweights. By the time he expects to get a match with Fitzsimmons he will not care how many rounds are scheduled.

Weight is expected to be the all important factor in deciding the battle between Jimmy Britt and Young Corbett when they fight, as they eventually will. Britt is the heaviest pugilist that Young Corbett has ever tackled. When they get into the ring Britt will weigh 133 pounds or close to it and will be at his best. Yet Corbett and his immediate followers say that Britt will be more easily disposed of than Eddie Hanlon. Corbett saw Britt fight Willie Fitzgerald some time ago on the coast and he made up his mind then that he could beat the California lightweight. When Gans put it all over Fitzgerald at Detroit recently, Corbett was doubly convinced that Britt would be easy meat. Since reaching California Corbett has had time to become acclimated, and his trainer says that he could readily make 125 pounds now, if the occasion required it.

But the stipulated weight in the Britt fight is 131 pounds, which will be a cinch for Corbett. The result of this fight means much to Corbett. If he wins it is more than probable that he will go after Gans for the lightweight championship. Corbett is practically a lightweight now and is a phenomenal pugilist. Gans is undoubtedly the champion of his class, but Corbett is younger and has improved so much in the last year that he begins to feel able to lower the colors of the Baltimorean. Therefore, do not be surprised if Corbett hurls a challenge in the direction of Gans as soon as he gets through with Britt, providing, of course, the latter's measure is taken according to schedule.

The promoters of the recently organized National Boxing Association will, I am afraid, have some difficulty in getting the approval of the boxers, the public and the critics to recognize the new weight classes which the organization has advocated. The chief objection to the plan promulgated is the number of new classes suggested by the association. With eleven champions occupying the attention of those interested in the sport it is believed that there will be a continual jumping from class to class, in accordance with the terms of the different matches. One authority, in commenting upon the subject, recently said:

"I do not like the scheme. Under the system proposed there are to be eleven classes. That would mean eleven champions. Well, you get eleven champions up on a pedestal and you won't see any of them. The fewer champions there are the more important a champion is. You might go on and have a champion for every pound from 90 to 240. I do not like the scheme. I can readily see where the fight followers would like to see real champions who can make the weight they claim to be champions of. That is what they want to work for. Keep champions to their class. When a fighter gets too big for that class let him give up his title and work for the next one."

While I am not entirely satisfied that the promoters of the National Boxing Association have accomplished their purpose, a move has been made in the right direction toward readjusting the fighting classes of the twentieth century gladiators. It is questionable if this is necessary. The trouble lies not

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so much with the classes as with the pugilists that claim to be in them. This is especially true of the alleged featherweights, like Young Corbett, Terry McGovern, Eddie Hanlon and other legitimate lightweights who are masquerading as feathers. It was the fighters of this stamp who introduced the system of weighing in at anywhere from four to ten hours before a contest, in order that they might appear to be somewhere near the class in which they aspired to pose as champions. They have not been able to explain how the title to the featherweight championship, which originally was fought for at from 118 to 122 pounds at the ringside, can pass between fighters who weigh 128 pounds at 6 o'clock, which means 132 or more when they enter the ring at 10 P. M. There would be no need of changing the weights in the various classes if the pugilists were forced to weigh in at the ringside, in plain view of the spectators, and fight in the class to which their avoirdupois entitled them. If Young Corbett and others of his class had been obliged to fight in their true class there would be less talk about their wonderful ability in the ring. They are lightweights, and would hardly be strong enough to stand if they weighed in at 122 pounds at the ringside. The same is true of Joe Gans, the holder of the lightweight championship. It is doubtful if he could stand off Young Corbett for ten rounds if obliged to get on the scales at the ringside at 133 pounds.

If Mayor Harrison, of Chicago, who, at periodic intervals, prompted by a desire to eliminate existing evils in the boxing game, closes the clubs and withdraws his official sanction to the holding of bouts, wants to do something that will merit the approval of



FRED. SCHERER.

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admirers of fistie sport everywhere he will issue an order forever forbidding a permit or license to be issued to the club and manager who recently put Young Griffo into the ring against Tommy White. Griffo has been in an insane asylum and pronounced mentally incompetent, and is to-day a drunken bum, with habits too filthy and indescribable to appear in print. Yet the men who managed the show in which he recently took part, seeing in him a possible attraction, were so unmindful of the sensibilities of their patrons as to allow him to appear before them. That he was disgustingly incompetent to make even a decent showing was apparent when he entered the ring. He staggered and reeled as if under the influence of liquor and should never have been allowed to put up his hands;

but the promoters of the affair realized that if he failed to do so they would probably have to refund the money taken in at the door, and their voracious greed to keep the receipts urged them to send the little brute into the fight. Fortunately the disgusting exhibition was ended in less than one round by Griffo quitting. This affair will undoubtedly end Griffo's ring career. It surely will so far as Chicago is concerned.

As soon as the bell brought the men to the centre White jabbed a left to the face. Griffo said something which no one could make out, for which Tommy rushed him, landing a hard right to jaw. Griffo went to his knees, and at the count of five rose to his feet with a sheepish look on his face. White made another rush, and poor old drunken Griffo made a feeble attempt to cover up, and, retiring to his corner, absolutely refused to continue the fight. The referee then gave White the decision.

Young Corbett is now mentioned as the prospective owner of a racing stable. He has formed a partnership, it is said, with Jenkins, a jockey, and together they have planned an elaborate campaign with a number of horses they are going to purchase. After a long period of reverses on the 'Frisco race tracks fortune's wheel the other day turned for the young pugilist-plunger, and he acquired a roll of \$7,000 at the race track in a couple of hours.

This right smart killing recuperates most of the sturdy lightweight's steady losses since he defeated Hanlon. His own estimate of the amount he had dropped on the 'Frisco tracks is over \$10,000, which had faded away day by day in most aggravating manner, but it felt awfully good to the Denver fighter to get back \$7,000 in a single afternoon. Now he says he will send about half of it East to lift a mortgage on some property he owns in Denver, and with the other half—well, with the other half he probably will go back, like the moth to the candle flame, and try to win a million more.

—and that racing stable. Let me see. Wasn't it Terry McGovern who branched out as the owner of a racing stable? Young Corbett might do a lot worse than ask Terry for a few hints while still upon the threshold of a game that is fraught with much peril—to even a wise sport!

If there is any sporting man with speculative inclinations who thinks he would like to invest a trifle like \$50,000 in a fistie entertainment he can probably get Jim Corbett and Bob Fitzsimmons to go into the ring together again. Fitz would go for a little less, but Jimmy—wise boy—says nothing less than "fifty thou."

It was only a month or so ago that "Gentleman Jim" was in a fury over the desire of Fitzsimmons to repeat the Carson City trick. "Let me at him!" cried Corbett, although Fitz was more than a thousand miles away. On second thought Corbett declared that Fitz was not worth talking about for the excellent reason that he had joined the "has been" class. But this did not deter the Cornishman from making the statement that he would fight Corbett, winner take all or for fun, and that he would wager a whole savings bank against a plugged nickel that the gentlemanly pugilist would not last as long as he did in Nevada. This frankness seemed to close Corbett's mouth, and it remained closed for several weeks, until its owner decided to appear for a \$50,000 purse.

The Creme de la Creme of fistie talent comes high. SAM C. AUSTIN.

CHUCK CONNORS, AUTHOR.

The famous Bowery character is now writing a series of stories of life on the Bowery for the POLICE GAZETTE, in which he tells his experiences. They will appear in a few weeks, and they will be well worth reading. He writes just as he talks, and he has wit enough to make them interesting.

ABEL AND RICE DRAW.

At Peoria, Ill., on Feb. 22, before the Riverside A. C. Kid Abel and Austin Rice fought ten rounds to a draw.

MACK EASY FOR O'BRIEN.

Philadelphia Jack O'Brien had an easy task on Feb. 22, at Chicago, Ill., when he disposed of Charley Mack, of Milwaukee, in three rounds.

Fred Cooley, of Chicago, was also to have fought O'Brien, but owing to the small attendance the second fight was declared off.

LEWIS KNOCKED OUT.

At New Bedford, Mass., on Feb. 22, Sam Langford, of Boston, scored a knockout on Willie Lewis, of New York, in the second round of a fight scheduled for twelve rounds to a decision. The colored fighter sent in his blows so often that the New Yorker was not able to stop them. The blow that put Lewis out was a right-hand swing.

GEORGE BOTHNER WINS.

In one of the cleverest catch-as-catch-can wrestling matches ever seen in New York city, Clarence Bouldin, the "Cuban Wonder," lost to George Bothner at the Lenox Lyceum on Feb. 20. The conditions of the match were that Bouldin should throw Bothner twice within an hour, and he failed to do so. He won his only fall in 47 minutes and 45 seconds, throwing Bothner with a combination arm and leg lock.

BRIGGS AND KING ROUGH IT.

Jimmy Briggs, of Boston, hammered Tommy King, of Fall River, for ten rounds at Fall River, Mass., on Feb. 22. The contest was scheduled for fifteen rounds, but King's seconds threw up the sponge in the tenth and Briggs was given the decision.

Hoots and jeers greeted Briggs from the third round to the end of the fight. Briggs forced the fighting with vicious left swings to the body and it was claimed that he fouled King several times by striking low. Referee Downey wouldn't allow a foul and King's supporters gave vent to their feelings in hisses and cat calls.

GARDINER WON FROM CARTER.

At Milwaukee, Wis., Feb. 19, George Gardiner, of Boston, Mass., defeated Kid Carter, of Brooklyn, in a fight which was all his own, but in which he was not able to place a knockout blow. From the first round to the tap of the gong in the sixth Carter was evidently fighting a losing battle, and only the gong saved him from defeat in the fourth and sixth rounds. As it was, Gardiner was given the decision and Carter all but lost the fight by fouls in the sixth round.

WILL CORBETT BEAT BRITT?

Analysis of the Chances Both Men Are Up Against.

Rarely if ever has a fight between little fellows created as much interest and discussion as the forthcoming battle between Young Corbett and Jimmy Britt, which is scheduled to take place on March 31, at San Francisco, Cal. It is the first time Young Corbett has evinced an inclination to fight in the lightweight division, where he actually belongs, and the battle with Britt is regarded in the light of a trial performance leading ultimately to a meeting with Joe Gans, of



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JIMMY BRITT.

Baltimore, for the lightweight championship of the world. All the best known fistie critics are engaged in trying to elucidate the problem, showing which of the two men has the best chance of winning, and their opinions are entitled to more than passing consideration. Walter Kelly, of Buffalo, himself a boxer of no mean ability, and a critic whose judgment is conservative and well balanced, says that the battle should be a rattling one to look at. The boys are a good deal alike in style, both being aggressive and two-handed. Up to date, however, Britt has not shown any great hitting power. He has not been doing any clean knocking out, although he has beat opponents down and earned decisions, showing great endurance and ability to stand punishment. Britt has been fighting most of his battles at 133-135, and this match with Corbett is at 131. This is surely in Corbett's favor, and when he enters the ring for this clash he will be found stronger and better than ever before. It looks to the man up a tree as if Corbett's chances are good. It will be a cyclonic battle to look at, however, and both lads will have to take some punches. It will probably be a mixing, slam-bang fight from start to finish, and Corbett being known to have a knockout punch, is likely to catch Jimmy in a rally and put him away. If the contest goes the limit it will probably be a draw. If there is a knockout, Corbett will probably be the one to execute the trick.

Assuming that Corbett defeats Britt, and the assumption is a fair one, at least, Corbett will be in line for a try for the world's lightweight championship. And the diplomats of the Corbett management have already been paving the way to that end. Fitzgerald, the try-out horse of the Corbett camp, was sent against Joe Gans at Detroit recently in a ten-round bout. Gans got the decision, for he is a somewhat cleverer fighter than Fitzgerald, but in the ninth round Fitz had a look in for the title. The trouble with Fitz was that he did not have the steam to follow up his advantage. But the fight showed that Gans is not the fighter he was two years ago. It has been suspected by close students of the game that Gans was going back, and his performances with Blackburn, Langford and Fitzgerald, all within the space of three months, give good foundation for the belief. It is a good bet that had Young Corbett been against Gans in Detroit he would have defeated him. Corbett realizes that he is growing all the time and that he must very soon graduate into the lightweight class, where he will be in his true class.

JENKINS AND PIENING DRAW.

At Bridgeport, Conn., Feb. 19, Tom Jenkins was substituted for Jack Munroe in the wrestling match with John Piening, and after thirty minutes' hard work on the mat, the bout was declared a draw, neither man gaining a fall.

RYAN BEATS LOMBARD.

At Leavenworth, Kan., February 19, Adam Ryan, of Chicago, defeated Harry Lombard, of Bartlesville, I. T., in the fifth round of what was to have been a fifteen-round bout. Lombard was entirely outclassed and was easily knocked out in the fifth round.

MELLODY KNOCKED OUT SIELOFF.

Billy Melody, of Charlestown, Mass., knocked out Otto Sieloff, of Chicago, in the windup of the Battery D show at Chicago on Feb. 19 in the fourth round of the fastest and most vicious fighting witnessed there in years. It was a continual performance of slug, slug, slug from the moment they shaped up for action until Otto was sent to the floor for the fatal count from the effects of a right-hand swing to the jaw.

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Reader.—A bet B that Tommy Ryan, the fighter, is a Hebrew?.....He says he is not.

W. D. A., Centerville, Miss.—Give me the address of the "Field and Fancy"?.....Give it up.

A. J. C. F., Springfield, Mass.—On what date will the Corbett-Britt contest take place?.....March 31.

Dan Daniels, Abbotsford Hotel, Ladysmith, B. C.—Was John L. Sullivan any time the champion of the world?.....No.

G. H., Granite City, Ill.—A bets B that Duffy holds the 100-yard professional championship?.....A loses. Duffy is an amateur.

H. W., New Haven, Conn.—In what year did Jim Corbett and Charley Mitchell fight in Jacksonville, Fla.?.....A. 25, 1894.

C. P., Galetton, Pa.—A bets that John L. Sullivan was at one time champion of the world; B bets he was not?.....B wins. He was champion of America.

J. H. B., South Cumberland, Md.—A bets there never was a hog that dressed over 900 pounds; B bets there was?.....May have been, but we never saw one.

H. H., Reading, Pa.—Who was champion of the world when John L. Sullivan was champion of America?.....Mace was the last holder of the title at that time.

C. H. H., Yonkers, N. Y.—A bets B that Eddie Hanlon was not knocked out in his fight with Young Corbett?.....See recent editions of POLICE GAZETTE for full explanation.

G. S. C., Watonga, Okla.—Two parties are playing seven-up, seven points, and both are five; one makes high, game and the other low, jack. Which one wins?.....Low, jack wins.

G. P., Dorchester, Wis.—A friend of mine says Jim Corbett and Fitzsimmons fought one fight; I say they fought twice?.....They fought once. See "Police Gazette Sporting Annual."

J. S., Coffeyville, Kan.—Casino; A and B partners; C and D partners; A plays ace on eight, calls it nine; his partner has no nine, but plays three on six and calls it nine; is that right?.....It is right.

J. J. McG., South Bethlehem, Pa.—J bets that a man must be unconscious when he's knocked out; T bets that a man is knocked out when he is unable to respond inside of nine seconds?.....J is right.

C. O. F., Tulsa, I. T.—Inform me as to whether there are any wholesale auction houses in New York City besides Charles Broadway Rouse?.....Yes, many of them. Consult a New York City directory.

C. C., Port Huron, Mich.—Seven-up; A has nine points, B has seven; B deals; A gets low; B gets high jack game; the game is for ten points; who wins?.....A wins. We do not answer questions by mail.

S. A. D., Natchez, Miss.—M and B are playing seven-up and each are six; M is the dealer, turns jack and claims out; B holds the ace and deuce and claims he goes out first. Who goes out first?.....Dealer.

V. V., Gibson, Ga.—A and B are playing clinch; A is fourteen; B is twelve; A bids two; B bids three; B makes three; A makes one; the game is fifteen points; who wins?.....If A held high or low he wins, as points go out in order same as seven-up.

A. I., Thompsonville, Ill.—Game of hausenpfeffer, 21 points; A has 20; B 18; C 20; D 14; D gets the bid of 3; B gets the first three tricks; D gets two; A takes the last trick with the right bower and claims the pot; B has 21 first; who wins?.....B goes out first.

J. J. B., Columbus, O.—What do you call the part of a man's arm from elbow up, and how can you develop the same parts?.....Upper arm. Plenty of dumb-bell exercise will do it. Why don't you read the physical culture articles in the POLICE GAZETTE.

M. E., New York.—Little Elkin and Bondage were coupled at New Orleans; Little Scout was also in the race; Little Elkin won, but by winning he fouled Little Scout; would the entire stable be disqualified, or would Bondage, who ran second, get first money?.....Stable disqualified.

T. O. T., Gravesend, N. Y.—A and B are partners in a casino game against C and D; A builds a ten; C can't touch it; being a nine on the board, B puts an ace on the nine and builds ten for himself; D has a ten and claims he can take both tens; who wins?.....He can take both tens.

W. S. B., 29th Infantry, Guimaras, P. I.—A and B are playing casino, 21 points; each has 18 points; A has big and little casino and B has cards; which goes out? What is the best record ever made by Maud S., and what date did it occur?.....L. A. wins. 2:26 3/4, at Cleveland, July 30, 1885.

J. D., Reading, Pa.—Was Jim Corbett ever champion of the world? Was Bob Fitzsimmons champion after Corbett at Carson City? Name all the heavyweights that have held the world's championship?.....1. No. 2. Yes. 3. Send for "Police Gazette Sporting Annual" containing them all.

C. K., Richmond, Va.—A, B and C are playing auction pitch, seven points; A bids two and pitches, leading five of trumps; B follows with ace of trumps; C plays ten of trumps and retains seven spot in order to set A; is it the proper play starting a new game to play the ten and hold the seven?.....Play is correct.

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Reader, Greenwich, N. Y.—Tell me the whereabouts of Duncan C. Ross? Did he ever throw the "Terrible Turk"? About how heavy is he at wrestling weight?.....1. His whereabouts are not known. 2. He did not. 3. 200 pounds.

E. H., Fayette, O.—Call shot pool. A plays a ball for the corner pocket, a thin shot; it goes in pocket all right, but before it gets into pocket a ball kisses in the side pocket. Does A get the side pocket ball with the one in the corner?.....Gets both.

G. M. L., Sioux City, Ia.—In a game of poker; it is a jack-pot; A opens; B stays; C and D lay down; after draw A bets and B lays down; A shows openers, lays the other three face down and refuses to show

two cents for the second day, four cents for the third day, eight cents for the fourth day, and so on, doubling each day, would he have enough money to pay me?.....There is not enough money in the world to pay it.

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them as he was not called; is he right or must he show his full hand?.....Must show all cards after the draw.

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D. V. M., Newark, N. J.—A and B are playing pinochle; both are 100 points and neither calls out until cards are all played; A picks up his cards and discovers he is 100 points and then claims out; B also finds he has 100 points and claims that additional points must be played to decide; who wins?.....Must play further to decide.

J. D., Jr., Fort Smith, Ark.—Do you know any thing about a theatrical school in Philadelphia where the tuition is free, and after you learn you pay the company back by working for them? Send me the address of several good theatrical schools?.....1. Never heard of it. 2. There are several good schools in New York City.

R. K. C., King River, Cal.—Pinochle. A and C partners; B and D partners; A deals; B plays king of clubs, then announces his meld; C plays ace of clubs on B's king; then C announces his meld and claims he can use the ace of clubs which he played to meld 100 aces; D objected. Who is correct?.....Must meld before playing.

A. R., Mt. Clemens, Mich.—If John Rockefeller gave me employment for forty-three days, and paid me each day at the rate of one cent for the first day,

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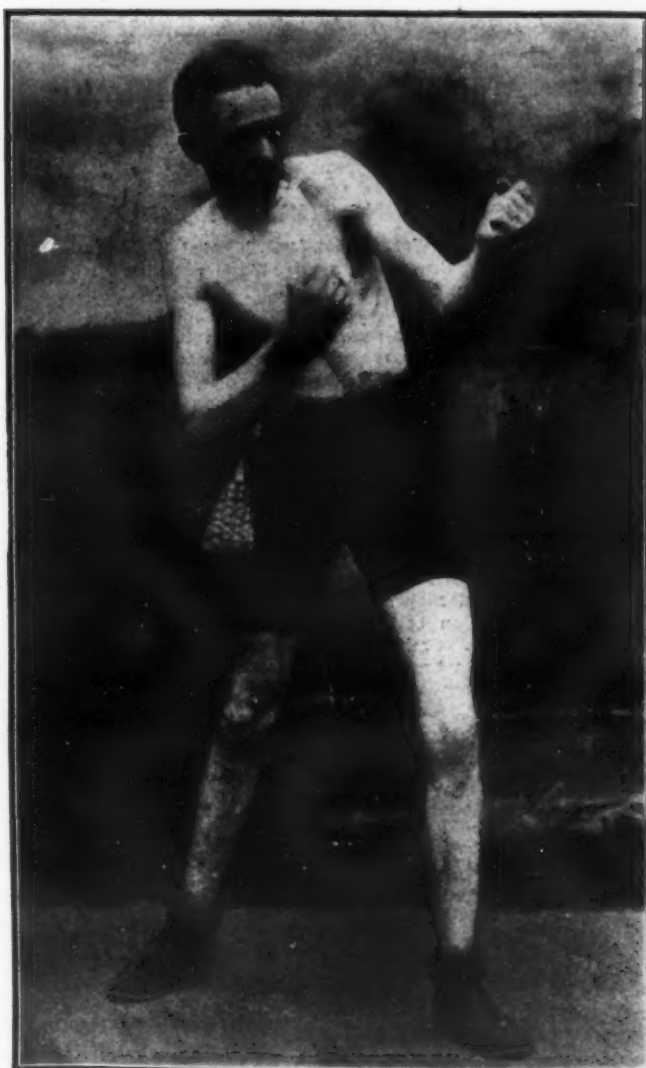
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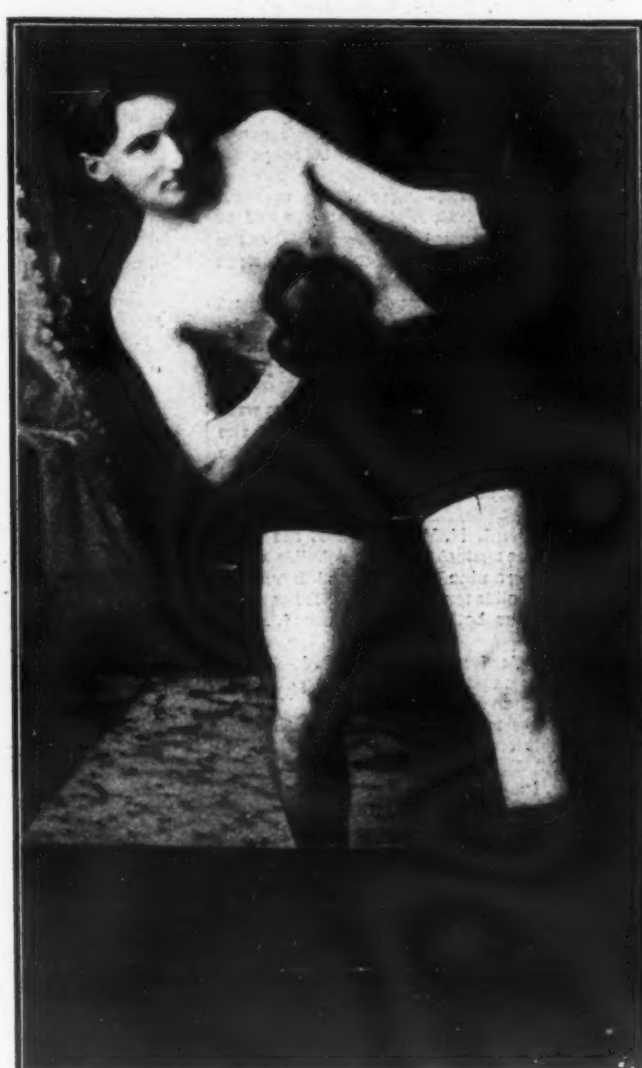
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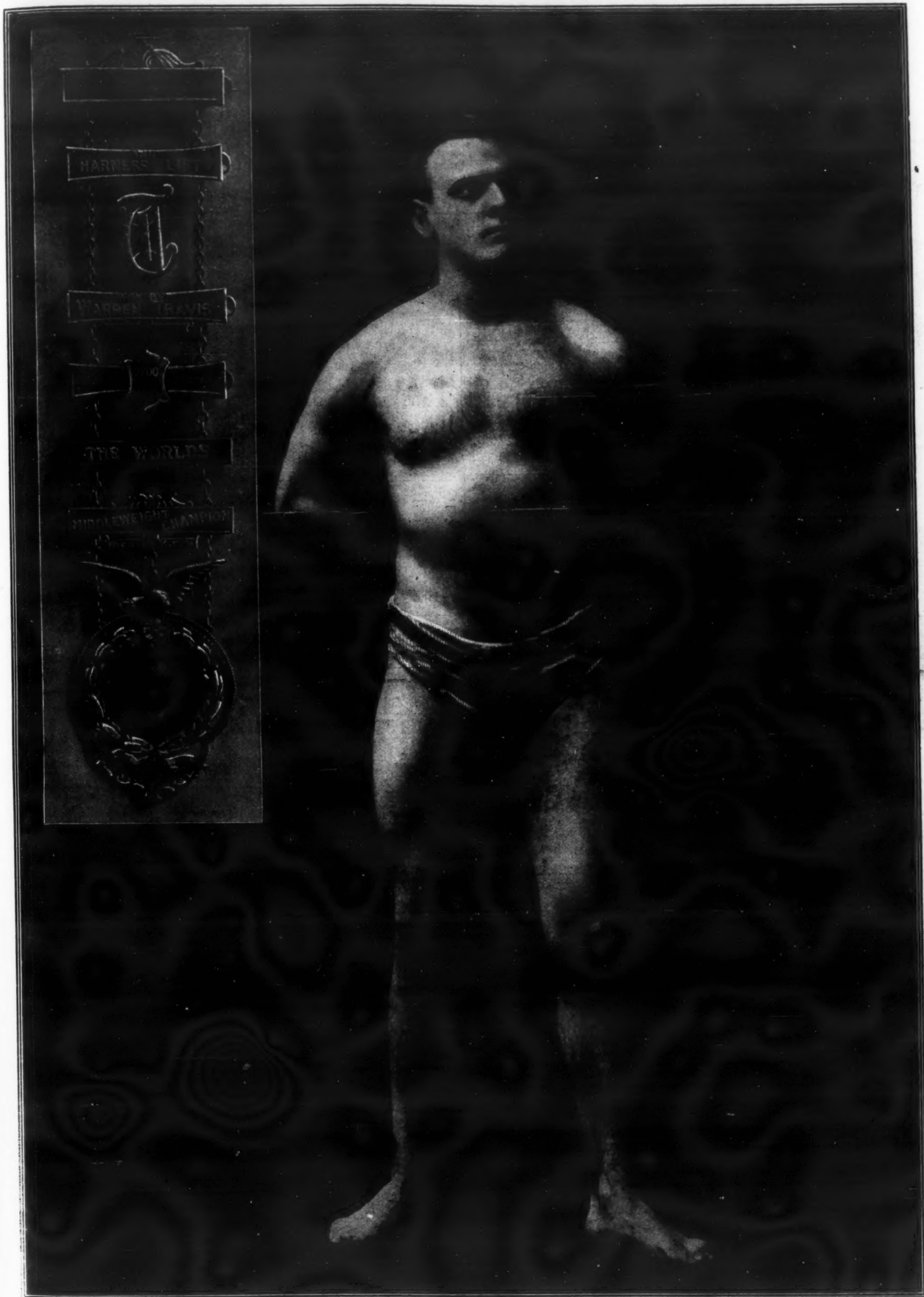
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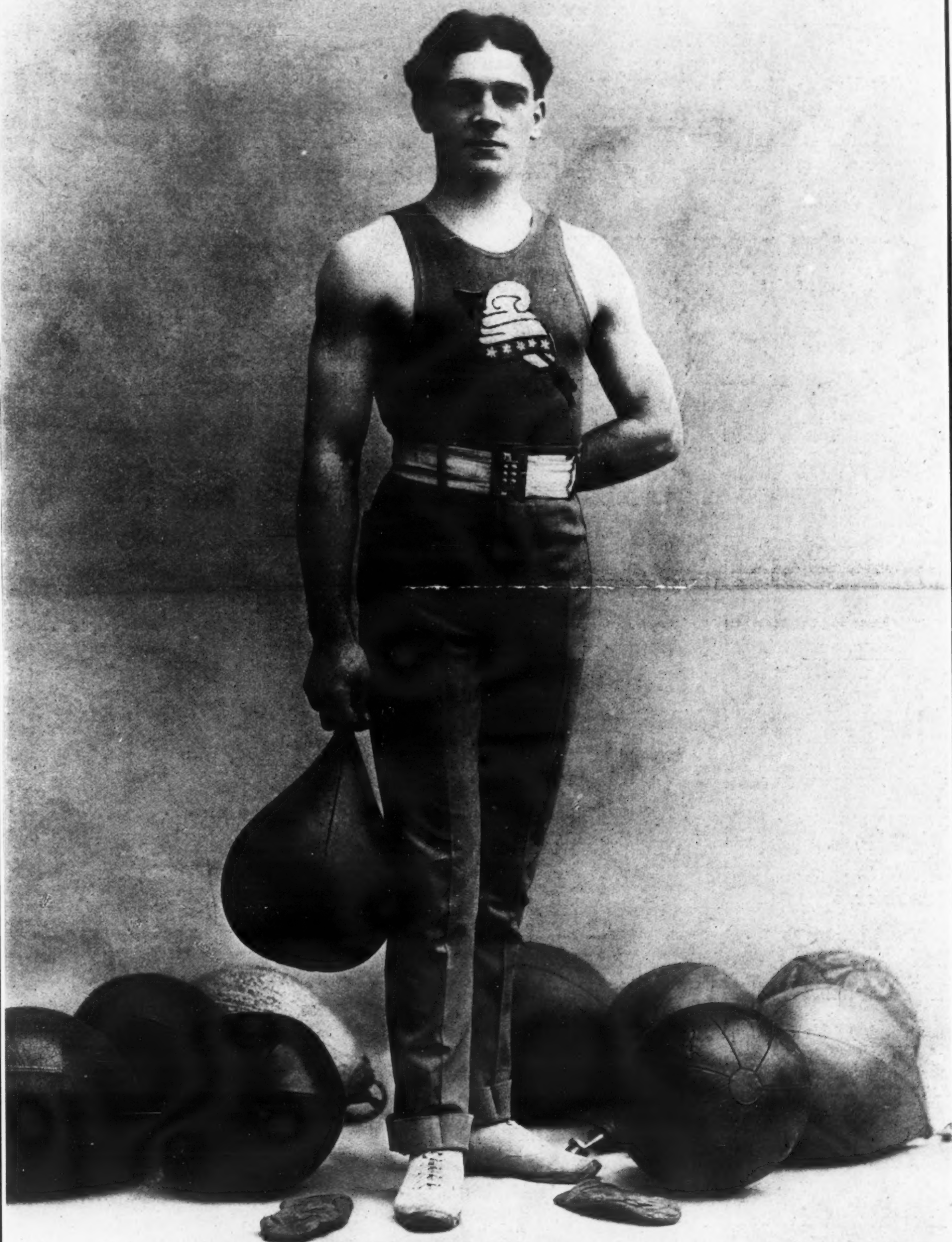
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